

BOARD OF MADISON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
September 2, 2008 MINUTES

On Tuesday, September 2, 2008, a meeting of the Board of Madison County Commissioners came to order at 9:35 a.m. in the Commissioners' Conference Room of the Madison County Courthouse in Virginia City, Montana, with Commissioners David Schulz, Jim Hart, and Marilyn Ross present.

Jim Hart moved to approve the August 26, 2008, minutes with corrections. Marilyn Ross seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Those people in attendance at the meeting were Charity Fechter, Jim Jarvis, Richard Dalson, Jim Ellerton, Catherine Ellerton, Barbie Durham, Chris Mumme, Bruce Ramsey, Earl Stewart, Sue Heald, Shelly Burke, Vicki Tilstra, and Chris Christensen.

Airports: The Board discussed the Ennis Airports Improvements Project noting that construction is progressing well and, barring weather complications, is staying on schedule.

Office Space: The Board discussed the need for additional office space. David Schulz stated that they have not yet received a response from the Town of Virginia City addressing the request to re-visit the use of the Lee property.

Streamside Protection Update: Jim Jarvis, Planner II, updated the Board on the status of the Streamside Protection Regulations. Richard Dalson, Jim Ellerton, Catherine Ellerton, and Charity Fechter, Planning Director, were also present for this portion of the meeting. Jim stated that the steering committee had made a recommendation that the South Boulder River be excluded from the proposed planning area and that a formal request to this effect would be presented to the Board at their next regular meeting. Jim also discussed the possibility of having an attorney speak to the Steering Committee at their next regular meeting scheduled for September 16, 2008. The Board agreed that a guest speaker would be beneficial. Much discussion ensued regarding the South Boulder River, Jefferson River, and Willow Creek.

Planning Board Report: Charity Fechter, Planning Director, presented the Board with a summary of the August 25, 2008, Planning Board meeting and reviewed the summary with them.

Journal Vouchers: Jim Hart moved to approve Journal Vouchers for the 8/08 accounting period. Marilyn Ross seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Letter of Support for Shoshone National Park Designation: Barbie Durham, Grant Writer, met with the Board to discuss a meeting she had attended regarding the pursuit of the Tribal Council to gain National Park status for the Sacajawea Interpretive Cultural and Educational Center in Salmon, Idaho. Marilyn Ross moved to approve a Letter of Support for the Shoshone-Bannock Tribal Council's endeavors to obtain National Park status for the Sacajawea Center in Salmon, Idaho, and to continue maintaining a strong partnership of stakeholders collectively working together towards the sustainability of the Center. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Grievance Committee: The Board noted that a memo requesting interested persons to help research the possibility of creating or upgrading a grievance policy had been sent to staff.

Commissioner Marilyn Ross left the meeting at this point to attend a Ruby Valley Chamber of Commerce meeting in Twin Bridges, Montana.

Fire Restrictions: Chris Mumme, Director of Emergency Management, advised the Board that because of cooler temperatures and recent moisture, no fire restrictions are needed at this time. The Board concurred.

Risk Mitigation Contract: Chris Mumme, Director of Emergency Management, met with the Board to discuss a contract for fire risk mitigation services. Per request from the Board, Chris broke the contract out into two separate contracts. Jim Hart moved to enter into the Professional Services Contract between Madison County and Joseph G. Husar for services as the Madison County Hazardous Fuel Reduction Coordinator, effective from the date of execution until June 30, 2009. David Schulz seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Jim Hart moved to enter into the Professional Services Contract between Madison County and Joseph G. Husar for services as the Madison County Risk Mitigation Coordinator, effective from the date of execution until December 31, 2009. David Schulz seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Emergency Resolution: Chris Mumme, Director of Emergency Management, presented the Board with an emergency resolution related to a head-gate failure at Hebgen Dam. Jim Hart moved to adopt Resolution 31-2008, a resolution declaring an emergency in Madison County. David Schulz seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Grants: Chris Mumme, Director of Emergency Management, presented the Board with a letter of award for a grant to fund a CERT trailer. Jim Hart moved to approve the grant award from the Department of Military Affairs, Disaster and Emergency Services Division, in the amount of \$4000, for the purchase of a Citizen's Emergency Response Training trailer to be used as a mobile storage unit, with all funds to be expended by December 31, 2008. David Schulz seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

The Board reviewed an adjustment to the Grant Award for the Victim Witness Advocacy program and an adjustment to the budget for that program.

Introduce New Ennis Forest Ranger: Bruce Ramsey, Regional Supervisor, Earl Stewart, Assistant Regional Supervisor, and Sue Heald, Madison Ranger, all of Beaverhead/Deer Lodge National Forest Service, met with the Board to introduce Sue Heald as the new Forest Ranger in Ennis. Sue asked about topics of interest to Madison County that she should be involved with. Items discussed were road maintenance, weed control, gravel pits, Interagency meetings, the Forest Plan, and Wilderness legislation.

Investment Committee Meeting: Shelly Burke, Treasurer, Vicki Tilstra, Chief Financial Officer, and Chris Christensen, County Attorney, met with the Board to review County investments. Shelly presented the committee with a Summary of Daily Business and Cash Reconciliation for the close of business day on August 31, 2008, and a Montana Board of Investments STIP yield and daily factor calculations. The Board commended Shelly for her handling of the County finances.

September 30 Meeting: The Board will conduct a special meeting in Silver Star on September 30, 2006, beginning at 6:00 p.m. to discuss growth issues in the northern part of the County and other topics of interest to residents of that area.

Petition to Re-Align County Road #42: The Board set the date of September 30, 2008, at 1:30 p.m. for a public hearing to hear comment regarding a petition to re-align County Road #42.

With no further business this portion of the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m. The Board then traveled to Twin Bridges to meet with the Contractor who was awarded the bid for the Rivers Edge Campground Project at the Fairgrounds in Twin Bridges.

David Schulz, Chairman
Board of Madison County Commissioners

Date Approved: September 9, 2008

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